

**ORDER**

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

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SUBJ: CHARLES TAYLOR "MASTER MECHANIC" AWARD

1. PURPOSE. This is a revision to the order that announces the award for aviation maintenance personnel who have been employed in the aviation maintenance industry for at least 50 years.

2. DISTRIBUTION. This order is distributed to all regional administrators; to the Director, Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center; to the regional Flight Standards Divisions; to all Flight Standards District Offices (FSDO). An information copy is distributed to the division level of the Flight Standards Service, and to the Program Director, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Academy.

3. CANCELLATION. Order 8000.76, Charles Taylor "Master Mechanic" Award, dated March 17, 1993, is cancelled.

4. BACKGROUND. The Aircraft Maintenance Division, AFS-300, has initiated this special award that recognizes the life-time accomplishments of our senior mechanics. The award is named in honor of Mr. Charles Taylor, the first aviation mechanic. Mr. Taylor served as the Wright brothers' mechanic and is credited with designing and building the engine for their first successful aircraft.

5. ACTION. A lapel pin will be given in addition to the certificate signed by the FAA Administrator. A smaller version of the lapel pin will be presented to the spouse of the recipient. The recipients name, city and state, and certificate number will be sent to AFS-300, and this information will be included on a "Role of Honor" that will be kept in a prominent place at the Federal Aviation Building, Washington, DC.

6. ELIGIBILITY. The FSDO airworthiness supervisor and/or Safety Program Manager, and members of the local aviation industry will form a selection committee and jointly select the recipients. The following requirements should be met:

a. Any individual may qualify for the award if he/she has at least a total of 50 years employment in the aviation maintenance profession, and is a U.S. citizen.

b. For at least 30 of the 50 years, the applicant must have been an FAA-certificated mechanic, repairman, or avionics technician.

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c. The remaining 20 years may be accepted if that individual either served as a mechanic in the military or worked in the aviation maintenance or manufacturing industry.

d. Any individual who has had his/her certificate revoked by the FAA will NOT be eligible for the award.

e. A civil penalty, suspension, or letter of correction issued to an individual in the past will NOT be considered sufficient grounds for denial to issue the award.

f. With the exception of paragraph d, a FSDO airworthiness supervisor with AFS-300's approval may issue the award to an individual who does not meet all of the above requirements. Exceptions may be based on health, lost employment records, and periods of inactivity after retirement. A postumous award may be presented with a limit of 3 years.

7. APPLYING FOR THE AWARD. Anyone who meets the eligibility requirements, or any person on behalf of the eligible person, may apply for the award by sending a notarized letter to the local FSDO. The letter should state the following:

a. The kind of certificate held, including the original issue date of the certificate if available.

b. Resume of past employment.

c. Three letters of recommendation from certificated mechanics or repairmen.

8. PROCEDURES FOR ADMINISTERING THE PROGRAM.

a. At least once a year, the FSDO airworthiness supervisor and members of industry will form a selection committee to review the application letters received and to select qualified individuals for the Charles Taylor "Master Mechanic" Award.

b. There is no limit on the number of awards that an office may issue in a year. However, we caution that an award should not be issued to marginal or less than deserving individuals. This will lessen the significance of the award and dishonor those who honestly deserve the recognition of their peers. We recommend that the award be presented publicly at a suitable FAA or industry function to help build personal pride with the profession of aviation maintenance.

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c. The FSDO will then send the names, city and state, and certificate number of the recipient to the Aircraft Maintenance Division, AFS-300. This information will be included in the "Role of Honor" that will be kept in a prominent place in the FAA Building in Washington, DC.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William J. White".

William J. White  
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